CLAIMS

A method for enhancing a hyperlink, the method comprising:

We claim:

displaying a toolbar if a pointer is proximate the hyperlink for a time period which exceeds a predetermined time, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement; in response to a users selection of a selected link enhancement, performing the selected link enhancement.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one link enhancement displayed comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it later, or anchor current Page.
- 3. The method of claim Nwherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

opening the page/associated with the selected link in a new browser window.

4. The method of claim wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement further comprises:

minimizing/the new browser window without any user action.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating a clickable item in a window;

associating the selected/hyperlink with the clickable item; and

in response to a click event, proximate the clickable item, opening a browser

window with a URL of the selected hyperlink.

- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.
- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.
- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating clickable item in a window;

associating the hyperlink at the current page with the clickable item;

opening the page associated with the selected hyperlink; and

in response to a click event proximate the clickable item, opening a browser

window with a URL of the hyperlink associated with the clickable item.

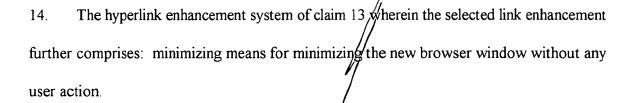
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.
- 10. The method of claim wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

11. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

detecting means for detecting the presence of a pointer proximate a hyperlink; display means for displaying a toolbar if the pointer remains proximate the hyperlink greater than a predetermined time, the menu containing at least one link enhancement; and

dalling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.

- 12. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11, wherein one of the at least one link enhancement comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it latter; or anchor current page.
- The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises: opening means for opening the page associated with the selected link in a new browser window.



15. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating/a clickable item in a window;

associating means for associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable

item; and

opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

- 16. The hyperlink enhancement of claim 15, where in the clickable item is a clickable label.
- 17. The hyperlink enhancement of claim 15, where in the clickable item is a clickable image.
- 18. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;

associating means for associating the hyperlink of the current page with the clickable item;

opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink of the current page in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

19. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

displaying means for displaying a toolbar when the presence of the pointer is detected, the toolbar containing at least one link enhancement; and

calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.

20. A method for enhancing an hyperlink, the method comprising:

displaying a toolbar after a presence of a pointer is detected, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement;

in response to a users selection, performing the selected link enhancement.

21. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

a hyperlink detector that receives a position signal from a cursor; and

a display system, the display system having a display, the display configured to display a page, the display configured to display a toolbar upon the display system receiving a toolbar display signal from the hyperlink detector, the displayed toolbar comprising at least one hyperlink enhancement for selection by a user.

